GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3628
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AMENDMENT IN INDIAN MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT
ANNA SAHEB M.K. PATIL

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring amendment in the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 so as to enable minor and major ports to enter into the joint ventures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to allow Foreign Direct Investment in minor port sector for the development of infrastructure and

(d) if so, the details thereof.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) No Sir. However, a Bill proposing amendment to the Major Port Trusts Act 1963 to enable the Major Port Trusts to enter into a Joint Venture including with minor ports is under the consideration of the Parliament.

(c) & (d) The minor ports are under the administrative jurisdiction of the concerned Maritime State.